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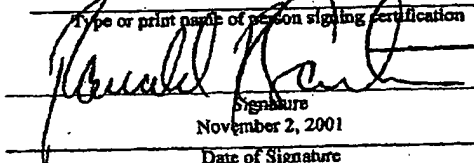
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the October 1, 2001 Office Action, which set a one month period for response, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I as recited in claims 2-14 and 22-33 and the species of SEQ ID NO: 1 as recited in claims 3-6 and 24-27.